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Docket No.: 3191/08419

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Roland SEEBACHER, Helmut MÜLLER, Dieter OTTO, Steven OLSEN

Serial No.: 08/135,059

Art Unit: 3622

Filed: October 12, 1993

Examiner: Saul J. RODRIGUEZ

For: POWER TRANSMITTING APPARATUS WITH FLUID COUPLING

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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The reason for this present Request To Withdraw Holding of Abandonment is that the Applicants' previous submission, entitled "Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)" (copy enclosed in Exhibit A), was never acted upon by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) despite being properly sent and received by the USPTO.

The Applicants in the above-identified patent application received a NOTICE OF IMPROPER CPA FILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), dated July 21, 1998, (copy

enclosed as part of Exhibit A) advising that the request for a CPA was not filed before the abandonment, or the termination of the proceedings, of the application on May 29, 1998.

A review of our file for the above-identified application and of the Darby & Darby docketing system indicates that the Applicants submitted a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) by facsimile on September 23, 1998 which addressed and requested withdrawal of the holding of abandonment and reinstatement of the application since it was Applicants position that the request for a continuing application was properly and timely sent to the USPTO.

In support of Applicants' diligent response to the Notice of Abandonment, Applicants enclose a Declaration, signed by a secretary, Ms. Ema Gualano, detailing the procedure followed by the secretaries in the handling of facsimile transmissions to the Patent Office. This Declaration and its supporting documents indicate that the Petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment was in fact filed and received by the USPTO on September 23, 1998.

Applicants received no communication from the USPTO as to this filed Petition and therefore, a Status Request was filed on May 10, 2002 (a copy of which is enclosed as Exhibit C).

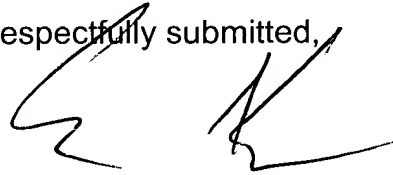
On June 10, 2002, my colleague Walter Kupper personally visited the Petitions Office at the USPTO to inquire into the status of the petition and was told that there was no record of the petition in the USPTO's computer system. Further, despite repeated requests for access to the file at the USPTO during this visit and subsequent days, the USPTO continued to state that the file could not be found.

It is respectfully requested that the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) dated September 23, 1998, be considered and acted upon on the merits and the above-identified application or the CPA request dated May 11, 1998, be reinstated. Applicants respectfully request that they have been diligent in seeking withdrawal of the notice of abandonment since becoming aware of such fact.

It is believed that no additional fee is due because the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) dated September 23, 1998, and the Request for a Continuing Application dated May 11, 1998, were timely submitted, and due to no fault by the Applicants, the petition and the request were not delivered to the Examiner as of this date. As the Applicants responded timely, no fee is due with the present submission as this is merely a copy of what has previously been submitted. If for some reason, the USPTO believes that fees or charges are due in connection with the above-identified matter, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Dated: March 26, 2003

Respectfully submitted,



Edward J. Ellis
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Attorney for Applicants

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DECLARATION OF EMA GUALANO

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I, Ema Gualano, declare as follows:

1. I am employed as a secretary at Darby & Darby, P.C. I make this declaration in support of the accompanying REQUEST TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT.

2. A true copy of a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the accompanying Telecopier Transmission Cover Sheet that was filed with the USPTO are attached as Exhibit A. Exhibit A includes an executed Certificate of Facsimile

Transmission dated September 23, 1998, which includes my signature. The Telecopier Transmission Cover Sheet states that there are 18 pages being transmitted to the USPTO.

3. In accordance with our office procedure for facsimile transmissions, I would have reviewed the papers being transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") for completeness and, if satisfied, would have signed and dated the Certificate of Facsimile Transmission. I would then have faxed the papers to the USPTO. Incomplete or unsigned papers would not be faxed, but would be returned to the attorney.

4. A true copy of the Facsimile Transmission Report is attached as Exhibit B. Exhibit B confirms that the facsimile transmission of all 18 pages of the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the Telecopier Transmission Cover Sheet (Exhibit A) was completed successfully and received at the Group 3500 facsimile machine at the USPTO on September 23, 1998.

5. Based upon the presence of the Certificate of Facsimile Transmission I signed and the Facsimile Transmission Report, it may be concluded that the original Petition and accompanying papers of Exhibit A were timely filed on September 23, 1998, in accordance with normal procedures at Darby & Darby.

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful and false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: March 26, 2003


Ema Gualano

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Date: September 23, 1998

Attorney Docket No.: 2338/08419

TELECOPIER TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

Phone Number Transmitting To: 1-703-305-3597

To: **United States Patent and Trademark Office**

Examiner: Mr. Saul J. Rodriguez

Group Art Unit: 3622

Paper(s) Being Transmitted: **Six pages of Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.1.36(a), 1 page of Notice of Improper CPA Filing under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), 3 pages of Continuing Application filed on May 11, 1998 and Seven copies of printouts.**

Number of Pages Being Transmitted (including cover): 18 pages

CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

Serial No.: 08/135,059

Filed: 10/12/93

I hereby certify that these papers are being facsimile transferred to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Ema Gualano
Name

September 23, 1998
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Filed	10/12/93
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Patent Examiner	Mr. Saul J. Rodriguez
Group Art Unit	3622

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Your petitioners and their assignee (LuK Lamellen und Kupplungsbau GmbH), by their undersigned attorney, respectfully request that the above-referenced patent application Serial No. 08/135,059 or their CPA request deposited on May 11, 1998 (not on April 21, 1998 as stated in Paper dated July 21, 1998) be reinstated as expeditiously as possible.

The reasons for this petition are as follows:

(1) On February 25, 1998, the undersigned filed a Second Submission Under 37 C.F.R. §1.129(a) in response to the Final Action of May 8, 1997 which, in turn, was in response to the First Submission dated March 27, 1997. Receipt of the Second Submission (stating that

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it was filed on March 2, 1998) is acknowledged on page 2 (or page one?) of the Advisory Action (Paper No. 23) dated April 17, 1998. A copy of Paper No. 23 is enclosed.

The undersigned attorney contacted the Patent Examiner Mr. Rodriguez per telephone on April 23 and 24 and on May 1, 1998 in order to ascertain the reasons for the Examiner's refusal to consider the Second Submission, especially in view of the fact that the First Submission has been found to be acceptable and was fully responded to in the Final Action dated March 27, 1997. Mr. Rodriguez explained that, in his opinion, the filing of any Submission was improper, that this matter was discussed with his superiors (Primary Examiner Mr. Bonck and Supervisory Primary Examiner Mr. Marmor), and that his refusal to issue a regular Action in response to the Second Submission was approved by his superiors.

(2) Since a Notice of Appeal was filed on November 10, 1997 (please refer to page one (two?) of Paper No. 23), and since the undersigned attorney desired to avoid any, even remotest, possibility that the present application would become abandoned, a Request for a Continuation Application with all necessary documents was filed on May 11, 1998 (i.e., within six months from the date (November 10, 1997) of the Notice of

Appeal. May 10, 1998 was a Sunday. Receipt of such Request is acknowledged in Paper dated July 21, 1998 a copy of which is enclosed.

(3) The Paper dated July 21, 1998 contains two obvious inaccuracies, namely:

(a) This Paper (hereinafter called Notice) states that the Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) request was deposited on April 21, 1998. Such request was filed by facsimile on May 11, 1998. Enclosed are copies of seven printouts indicating that the telefax machine in Group 3500 did not function properly and was incapable of accepting more than 18 pages in a single pass.

(b) The Notice of July 21, 1998 contains the statement that the prior application (Serial No. 08/135,059 was abandoned, or proceedings terminated on May 29, 1998.

Thus, the Notice acknowledges receipt of the Request for CPA on April 21, 1998 (this should be May 11, 1998), and the same Notice contains the statement tha the application was abandoned on May 29, 1998.

(4) Upon receipt of the Notice dated July 21, 1998, the undersigned contacted the Patent Examiner Mr. Rodriguez in an effort to clarify the aforescussed contradctory statements. Mr. Rodriguez informed the

undersigned that the file of the application Serial No. 08/135,059 was no longer in the Group Art Unit 3622 and, therefore, the undersigned should seek information from the official or officials in charge of petitions to revive. The undersigned sought to contact Mr. George Walton whose name appears in the lower left-hand corner of the Notice dated July 21, 1998. Mr. Walton was not available; however, the undersigned was connected with Ms. Sonia Williams who, in turn, connected the undersigned with her Supervisor Mrs. Adams. Mrs. Adams informed the undersigned that she cannot discuss the case without the file and that the file could not be located. When the undersigned continued to inquire, he was informed that the file can be located in one day, in one week, in two or three weeks or more than three weeks.

A total of thirteen telephone calls were made to the Patent and Trademark Office in connection with this issue between July 30 and August 12, 1998. No explanation was received to this date. Therefore, the undersigned has decided to file this petition in order to ensure that an explanation can be received in the near future and that the prosecution of this application can proceed to a successful conclusion in the very near future.

Copies of debit notes indicating the telephone numbers of the Patent Examiner Mr. Rodrigues and certain other officials mentioned in this petition, together with the dates of the telephone calls made to such officials are available and can be furnished upon request.

(5) Your petitioners herewith respectfully request the following dispositions:

(A) Reinstatement of the application Serial No. 08/135,059 or of the CPA application at a very early date (emphasis by the undersigned).

(B) Affording a new term for the filing of a Brief on Appeal or of a CPA application if the PTO will decide to reinstate the application Serial No. 08/135,059.

(C) An Action on the merits of the claims which were filed with the CPA application on May 11, 1998 if the PTO will decide to accept the request for the filing of the CPA application.

(D) An extension of the term of the patent to be granted on the application Serial No. 08/135,059 or of the patent to be granted on the CPA application (if and when granted) commensurate with the period of time which will elapse in connection with the reinstatement of Serial No. 08/135,059 or the delayed

filing of the CPA application.

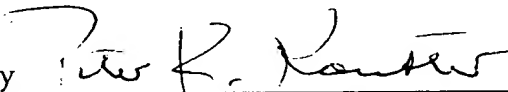
(6) Your petitioners sincerely believe that no fee is due to be paid in connection with the filing of this petition. However, if the PTO is of the opinion that a fee is to be paid in spite of the fact that the application Serial No. 08/135,059 stands abandoned due to certain erroneous conclusions, decisions and/or interpretations by the PTO, applicants herewith respectfully request that such fee or fees be charged to the account No. 04-0100 of DARBY & DARBY, P.C.

A favorable disposition at the earliest possible date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

DARBY & DARBY, P.C.

Dated: 09/21/98

By 
Peter K. Kontler
Reg. No. 20,384

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NOTICE OF IMPROPER CPA FILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(d)
No Filing Date Granted

The Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) request deposited on 4-21-98 is improper under 37 CFR 1.53(d) and has not been granted a filing date for reason(s) indicated below:

Any assertions that the above-mentioned CPA request is proper under 37 CFR 1.53(d) must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions. Any such petition must be accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(i)). If the petition alleges that no defect exists, a request for refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.53(e) as discussed above must be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this notice (37 CFR 1.181(i)). **THIS TIME LIMIT MAY NOT BE EXTENDED PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136.** Failure to timely file a petition under 37 CFR 1.53(e) will result in the CPA request being retained in the file of the prior application but treated as never having been filed, in which case applicant may request a refund of the CPA filing fee (if submitted) less the \$130.00 handling fee (37 CFR 1.21(n)).

- ☐ 1. The prior application is not a complete (37 CFR 1.51(b)) application or the national stage of a PCT international application that is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ 2. The request for a CPA was not filed before the payment of the issue fee on the prior application. The issue fee was paid on _____.
- ☒ 3. The request for a CPA was not filed before the abandonment of, or termination of proceedings on, the prior application. The prior application was abandoned, or proceedings terminated on 5-29-98.
- ☐ 4. A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)) are necessary to establish copendency between the prior application and this CPA request.
- ☐ 5. OTHER: _____

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

Direct any questions about this Notice to:

Sony White
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For: POWER TRANSMITTING APPARATUS WITH FLUID COUPLING

CONTINUING APPLICATION

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

This is a request for filing under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of a:

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional

application of the following pending prior application:

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2. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, AFTER ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT

	Claims on File	Number Extra	Rate
Basic Fee			\$ 780.00
Total Claims	68 - 20 = 48	x \$22	\$1056.00
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	x \$82	\$
If Multiple Dependent Claims Are Present, Add \$270.00			\$
Total Filing Fee			\$1846.00
For Small Entity (half of preceding total)*			\$

*No. 9 below must be checked to claim this reduction.

3. A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.

4. ☐ Please charge the amount of \$1846.00 and any other fees payable with this continuation application to the Account No. 04-0100 of ☐ Cancel claims. DARBY & DARBY, P.C.

5. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence (check one and fill in):

10/12/93 "This is a ☒ continuation, ☐ division, of application Serial No. 08/135,059 filed ☒ Each of these prior applications is hereby incorporated herein by reference, in its entirety."

6. ☐ The prior application is assigned to: LuK Lamellen und Kupplungsbau GmbH

7. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is also enclosed.

8. ☒ Informal Drawings are filed herewith

9. ☐ A verified statement claiming small entity status (check one):

☐ was filed in parent application or

☐ Is enclosed.

10. ☒ Priority is claimed from

Country: Federal Republic Germany

Number: P 42 34 304

Date: 10/12/92

The priority document

☒ was filed in the prior application
☐ Is enclosed.

11. The Assignment

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☒ was recorded at Reel / Frame / on 10/12/93
☐ Is enclosed.

Dated: May 11, 1998

Respectfully submitted,

Peter K. Kontler

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Attorney for Applicant(s)

(D&D Form 2/PTO-2)

I hereby certify that this Request for Continuing Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), with all enclosures listed therein, has been forwarded by facsimile to Group Art Unit 3502 (facsimile No. 703 305 3597) on May 11, 1998.

Peter K. Kontler

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